

Appl. No. 10/575,594
Amendment dated December 18, 2009
Reply to Office Action of June 19, 2009

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 1 and 2. This sheet replaces the original sheet 1.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed June 19, 2009 has been carefully considered by the Applicant. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments to the drawings, specification and claims, and the remarks that follow.

Drawings

Drawing Figures 1 and 2 are amended. Both drawings are now indicated as "Prior Art". The reference numbers "7" and "9" were mistakenly transposed in Figure 2 as filed. This is now corrected. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Specification

The specification is amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Election

The Office Action sets forth a Restriction Requirement, requiring Applicant to elect a single species amongst identified species I (Figures 1-8); species I (Figure 9); species III (Figure 10); and species IV (Figures 11 and 12).

In response, Applicant hereby elects species I, which is more appropriately drawn to drawing Figures 3-8, without traverse.

The claims are amended to correct spelling inconsistencies and to conform with U.S. practice. Claim 1 is generic and reads on all species. Claims 2-5 can be withdrawn as reading on the non-elected species. Claims 6-13 also read on the elected species and should be maintained.

Examination on the merits of claims 1 and 6-13 is respectfully requested. Upon allowance of a generic claim, reentry of presently-withdrawn claims 2-5 is respectfully requested.

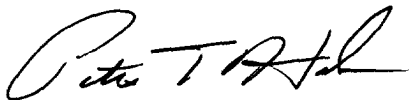
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Conclusion

The issues raised in the Office Action are believed addressed. As such, this application is believed in condition for further examination and allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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